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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC--NARCOTIC DRUGS, AGENDA ITEM 13

1. THE COUNCIL COMPLETED ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 13, NARCOTIC DRUGS, ON 4/17 AFTER HEARING STATEMENTS BY FEWER THAN HALF OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE US STATEMENT WAS DELIVERED BY MATHEA FALCO, US REPRESENTATIVE ON THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS. COPIES POUCHED EDWARDS, IO/HDC. SPEAKERS INCLUDED THE FRG, SWEDEN, JAPAN, CANADA, TURKEY, NORWAY, PHILIPPINES, NETHERLANDS, YUGO-SLAVIA, FRANCE, IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, AUSTRIA, UK, BRAZIL, NEW ZEALAND, TOGO, ARGENTINA, AND ITALY. THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DEBATE.

2. ALL SPEAKERS ENDORSED THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND THE REPORT OF THE INCB AND ALL, EXCEPT JAPAN, EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE SIX RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR ADOPTION IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS (E/1978/35). THE DELEGATE OF JAPAN EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS WITH RESPECT TO DRAFT RESOLUTION 6 CALLING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC
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DRUGS IN 1980. HE NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BIENNIAL CYCLE OF SESSIONS. THE OBSERVER DELEGATE OF CANADA, D. M. SMITH, RECALLED FOR THE COMMITTEE THE COMMISSION'S DECISION TO INVITE WRITTEN GOVERNMENT COMMENTS BY 30 JUNE 1978 TO BE USED IN PREPARATION FOR A WORKING PAPER ASSESSING THE RESULTS ACHIEVED AND IDENTIFYING FUTURE STRATEGY IN THE PRO-

GRAM AGAINST DRUG ABUSE. AFGHANISTAN STRESSED THE NEED FOR A CAREFULLY PLANNED STRATEGY FOR CURTAILING ILLICIT PRODUCTION AND AT THE SAME TIME STIMULATING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGH JOB TRAINING AND OTHER LONG-TERM EFFORTS AS WELL AS CROP SUBSTITUTION. A COPY OF A DETAILED STATEMENT BY THE AMBASSADOR OF TURKEY WAS PROVIDED TO MS. FALCO, S/NM. OTHER COMMENTS INCLUDED A STATEMENT BY THE FRG WHOSE GENEROSITY CAN BE QUESTIONED ANNOUNCING THAT THE FRG CONTRIBUTION TO UNFDAC WILL BE INCREASED FROM USDOL 215,000 TO USDOL 245,000--AT THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE. THE DELEGATE OF ARGENTINA STATED THAT THERE WAS A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN HER COUNTRY--TRAFFICKING IN LSD FROM THE US AND NETHERLANDS. SHE ALSO QUESTIONED HOW SOME GOVERNMENTS COULD MAINTAIN DRUG CONTROL PROGRAMS WHEN OTHER GOVERNMENTS ARE DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF PERMITTING LEGAL USE OF HEROIN.

3. THE COMMITTEE COMPLETED CONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ON THE SIX DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. DRAFT RESOLUTIONS 1-4 WERE ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. DRAFT RESOLUTION 5 PERTAINING TO CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNFDAC WAS ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 37-0-4. THOSE ABSTAINING WERE THE EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP. ACTION ON DRAFT RESOLUTION 6 CALLING FOR A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMISSION IN 1980 WAS DEFERRED UNTIL 1979. THIS ACTION WAS SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT WHICH STATED THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE 1980 CALENDAR, AN INTERPRETATION ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE SOME DOUBTS. YOUNG

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